

June 7, 1962

**MINE INSPECTION REPORT
JACKPILE MINE
UNITED PUEBLO AGENCY
LAGUNA PUEBLO RESERVATION
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Confidential Claim Retracted

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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CONSERVATION DIVISION**

On May 22, 1962, the Jackpile Mine on the Laguna Pueblo Reservation was inspected. The mine was operated by the Anaconda Company and is located about 8 1/2 miles north of Laguna, Valencia County, New Mexico, Mr. John Herndon was mine superintendent. The last examination of the mine by engineers of this office was April 5, 1962.

Since date of last inspection all work has been confined to the Puguete area. Only stripping and the minimum amount of ore extraction has been done. Stripping was continuing at a rate of 500,000 tons per month. Only the ore necessary to even the lowest benches was removed. The stockpile area was 90% completed. The Puguete river had been diverted to the south to make more room for the stockpiles.

Ore was being supplied to the Bluewater plant from stockpiles in the Jackpile pit. Ore was loaded one shift three days a week. Since production has been decreased to 1,500 tons per day only three train loads a week ore sent to Bluewater. Production will remain at this level through January 1963, when ore will be sent from the Puguete project.

On date of examination 200 men were employed at the mines. About 50 men will be cut from the payroll at the end of June according to present plans. The present labor force has been continued at the request of the Governor of the Pueblo to give the men a chance to obtain jobs in other places and to give the Pueblo enough time to try to interest other industry to come to the reservation.



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No safety violations or violations of the lease terms were noted during the inspection.

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